

Tappahannock Planning Commission Survey 2006

The Tappahannock Planning Commission is getting ready to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Plan describes the desired future (20+ years) of the town and how to achieve it. It is vital that we know what you think! The future of Tappahannock depends on your participation in this process. Please let us know by taking a few minutes to answer the following questions and returning the completed survey **by May 1, 2006**. (Only one survey per household.) All responses are confidential.

Identifiers: Please circle the letter of the answer that best fits or fill in the blanks where given.

1. What is the age of the person filling out this survey?

- a. Under 18
- b. 19-25
- c. 26-35
- d. 36-45
- e. 46-65
- f. 66 or older.

2. What are the ages of your household members?

- a. Under 18? How many ____
- b. 19-25? How many ____
- c. Over 25? How many ____

3. What type of housing do you live in?

- a. Single family house
- b. Apartment
- c. Mobile home
- d. Duplex
- e. Townhouse

4. Do you own or rent your home?

- a. Own
- b. Rent

5. How long have you lived in this area?

- a. Less than 5 yrs
- b. 5-10 years
- c. more than 10 years

6. Where do you live?

- a. Within the Tappahannock town limits.
- b. North of Tappahannock town limits.
- c. South of Tappahannock town limits.
- d. West of Tappahannock town limits.

7. What type of community do you live in?

- a. Subdivision
- b. Mobile home community
- c. Farm
- d. Town street or road
- e. Rural street or road

8. Give the work status of your household members?

- a. How many work part time? ____
- b. How many work full time? ____
- c. How many are retired? ____
- d. How many are disabled? ____
- e. How many (non students) are unemployed? ____

9. How many family members work?

- a. Within the Tappahannock town limits? ____
- b. Within 15 miles of Tappahannock? ____
- c. More than 15 miles from Tappahannock? ____

Housing:

10. What types of housing are needed in Tappahannock?

- a. Single-family homes
- b. Townhouses/condominiums
- c. Mobile homes
- d. Apartments
- e. Senior living
- f. Mix of the above
- g. None

11. In what part of town should new housing be built?

12. Are you satisfied with the structural quality of the building in which you live?

- a. Yes
- b. No

13. Are you generally satisfied with the aesthetic quality of the building in which you live?

- a. Yes
- b. No

14. Are you generally satisfied with the location of your home relative to places that you frequent, such as place of work, grocery, etc.?

- a. Yes
- b. No

15. What do you see as 3 of the most desirable qualities of the Town of Tappahannock?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

16. What are three of the most undesirable qualities of Tappahannock that you would like to see Improved?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

17. What do you see as Tappahannock's greatest problems now or in the future?

18. What should Tappahannock's image to visitors to be for the next 20-50 years?

19. What types of community events would you like to see continued or created?

20. How would you rate priorities for improving or expanding these public services & facilities? Check the box for the best answer for each item.

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Water system				
Sewer system				
Library				
Fire department				
Rescue squad				
Law enforcement				
Public parks				
Public recreation programs				
Social services				
Medical services				
Children's play Ground				
Boating, Fishing, Swimming				
Other Name				

21. Rank the following items in importance to maintaining quality-of-life in

Tappahannock.

11 = most important

1 = least important

- ___ Rural character
___ Open land
___ Scenic beauty
___ Clean air and water
___ Low crime
___ Good road network
___ Historic buildings
___ Historic sites
___ Community events
___ Community spirit/pride
___ Other _____

Business:

22. What types of services/businesses are needed in Tappahannock? (examples: farmer's market, clothing store, furniture store, etc...)

23. What type of employment opportunities would you like to see created locally? Circle all that apply.

- a. Commercial/retail/wholesale
- b. Manufacturing, processing, distributing
- c. Farm related/agribusiness
- d. Construction
- e. Technical
- f. Other _____

Ecology:

24. Is recycling an important issue to you?
a. Yes
b. No
25. Is the quality of Tappahannock's drinking water satisfactory to you?
c. Yes
b. No
26. Is the condition of the Rappahannock River and the surrounding creeks an important issue to you?
d. Yes
b. No
27. Is handling rainwater runoff an important issue to you?
a. Yes
b. No

Annexation:

33. Under what circumstances should Tappahannock annex surrounding land? Speak to utilities, need, growth, etc.

Other Comments:-----

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

Please give Address: Name Optional

Name:
911 Address

Email:

Phone #:

Transportation:

28. What are the traffic safety issues in the town limits?

29. Where do road improvements need to be made?

30. What should be done to improve the safety at the US 360& 17 ?

31. Where are new roads needed?

32. What types of transportation might Tappahannock want or need in 20 years?

Improving the Community:

34. With respect to future growth and development of Tappahannock, how important to you are the following issues?

Please circle best response.

V= Very Important

I= Important

N= Not Important

N.O.= No Opinion

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|--|---|---|---|------|
| a. Improving employment opportunities?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| b. Encouraging industrial growth?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| c. Encouraging tourism?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| d. Attracting new businesses?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| e. Improving housing availability?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| f. Improving roads?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| g. Providing public safety? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| h. Preventing business sprawl? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| i. Encouraging industrial park development? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| j. Preserving agriculture? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| k. Protecting water quality & resources? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| l. Preserving Tappahannock's small-town character? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| m. Keeping taxes at present level? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| n. Expanding recreational opportunities? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| o. Offering community events?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| p. Focusing on ecology issues? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| q. Creating bike trails? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| r. Continued development of our sidewalk system? | V | I | N | N.O. |
| s. Creating more downtown parking?..... | V | I | N | N.O. |
| t. Developing additional entertainment facilities? | V | I | N | N.O. |